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REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.103(a) and MPEP 709, Applicant respectfully requests suspension of prosecution of this application for six (6) months for the following good and sufficient cause:

1. This application is a member of the following family of related applications:

Application Number	Filing Date	Applicant Reference	Understood Status
10/042,142	01/11/2002	2000-0672 (1014-199)	Advisory Action mailed 23 Jul 2007; RCE filed 10 Aug 2007 Request for Suspension filed 6 Sep 2007; Suspension Request Granted 18 Sep 2007

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10/042,143	01/11/2002	2000-0672A (1014-200)	Advisory Action mailed 19 Mar 2007; RCE filed 8 May 2007; IDS filed 20 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 9 May 2007 and 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006 and 5 Apr 2007; Office Action mailed 9 Jul 2007; Reply to Office Action filed 9 Oct 2007
10/042,165	01/11/2002	2000-0672B (1014-201)	Notice Of Allowance mailed 5 Apr 2007 with new art cited; RCE with IDS filed on 15 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 9 May 2007; Notice of Allowance mailed 27 Jun 2007; Issue Fee Payment and Reply filed 21 Sep 2007
10/042,179	01/11/2002	2000-0672C (1014-202)	Notice of Allowance mailed 25 Apr 2006; RCE with IDS filed on 25 Jul 2006 to disclose prior art and new art cited in 10/042,142 on 7 Jun 2007, 10/042,143 on 23 May 2006, and 10/042,166 on 3 May 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 15 Aug 2006; RCE with IDS filed on 13 Nov 2006 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,166 on 11 Aug 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 17 Jan 2007; RCE with IDS filed on 17 Apr 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 6 Dec 2006 and 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 18 May 2007; RCE with IDS filed on 21 Jun 2007 to

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			disclose new art cited in 10/042,165 on 5 April 2007; Notice of Allowance mailed 27 Aug 2007; Issue Fee Payment and Reply filed 26 Sep 2007
10/042,166	01/11/2002	2000-0672D (1014-203)	Notice Of Allowance mailed 11 Aug 2006 with new art cited; RCE with IDS filed 13 Nov 2006 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,142 on 7 Jun 2006, 10/042,143 on 11 Dec 2005 and 23 May 2006, and 10/042,165 on 5 Apr 2007; Notice of Allowance mailed 9 Mar 2007; RCE with IDS filed 11 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006 and 5 Apr 2007; IDS filed 21 Jun 2007 to disclose new art cited in 10/042,165 on 17 Oct 2006; Notice of Allowance mailed 27 Jun 2007; Issue Fee Payment and Reply filed 21 Sep 2007
11/256,598	10/21/2005	2000-0672A DIV (1014-226)	Awaiting Exam; Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007
11/398,297	04/05/2006	2000-0672 DIV (1014-259)	Awaiting Exam; Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007
11/598,575	11/13/2006	2000-0672C CON (1014-279)	Awaiting Exam; Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007
11,824,364	06/29/2007	2000-0672B CON (1014-309)	Awaiting Exam; Request for Suspension filed 7 Sep 2007

2. As shown above, the USPTO has issued (sometimes multiple) Notices of Allowance for each of applications 10/042,165, 10/042,179, and 10/042,166 (the "allowed applications").

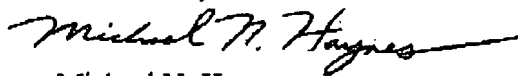
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3. Due to the above-described citations of new potentially material prior art in the present and/or other related applications, and inherent administrative delays in processing the discovery of that art, Applicant has been required to file repeated Requests for Continuing Examination accompanied by Information Disclosure Statements to fulfill Applicant's duty of disclosure for the allowed applications, and thus, Applicant has been prevented from permitting the allowed applications to proceed promptly to issuance.
4. These difficulties and delays in permitting the allowed applications to proceed promptly to issuance potentially:
 - a. undermine and/or frustrate the USPTO's stated goal of compact prosecution;
 - b. "cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of prosecution before the Office"; and/or
 - c. increase the probability of the USPTO issuing one or more invalid and/or unenforceable patents.
5. To prevent and/or minimize these potentialities, Applicant respectfully requests suspension for six (6) months of this application (and, via concurrently filed Suspension Requests, all the pending related applications except the allowed applications) to permit the allowed applications to safely issue, and plans to promptly request resumption of prosecution once each of the allowed applications has issued.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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